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## PHOTO EXHIBIT CELEBRATES ENDURING AMERICAN AND MALAYSIAN FRIENDSHIPS

In a celebration of friendship, the U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur, together with the Minister of Federal Territories and Urban Well-being, YBhg Dato' Raja Nong Chik bin Raja Zainal Abidin, and the Lord Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, YBhg Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail, today launched *An Enduring Bond*, a special photo exhibition to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peace Corps Malaysia. This exhibition will be on display at the Kuala Lumpur City Library for two weeks beginning Thursday, April 13.

At the opening ceremony, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, Paul W. Jones said, “American Peace Corps Volunteers were proud to play a small part in the great story of Malaysia’s early development. In thousands of communities across Malaysia, an encounter between two worlds became a meeting of minds, ideas and connections that reached across cultural and linguistic barriers.”

The extraordinary story of the U.S. Peace Corps in Malaysia began fifty years ago, when a group of 36 young Americans arrived in Kuala Lumpur to help develop Malaysia and build an enduring bond between our peoples. Thousands followed, making the Peace Corps program in Malaysia one of the largest in the world. This special photo exhibition will tour several major towns and cities in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak for the rest of the year.

From Kuala Lumpur, the exhibition will be at the following locations:

- Lincoln Corner Kedah at the Kedah State Public Library Corporation
- Lincoln Corner Penang, Seberang Jaya / Penang Public Library Corporation
- Georgetown Festival
- Lincoln Corner Penang, George Town / George Town Branch Library
- Lincoln Corner Malacca / Malacca State Public Library Corporation
- Lincoln Corner Johor / Sultan Ismail Library
- Lincoln Corner Kelantan / Kelantan State Public Library Corporation
- And other locations in Pahang, Terengganu and Johor.

There will be information in the local newspapers when the exhibition arrives in each location.

For online information about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Peace Corps Malaysia:

U.S. Embassy: [http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/pcv\\_photoexhibit.html](http://malaysia.usembassy.gov/pcv_photoexhibit.html)

Peace Corps Organization: [www.peacecorps.gov/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/)